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*Description:* ff. xxxiv + 410 - Bound, s. XVI in, in brown tooled leather over wooden boards, with Oldham stamps 234, 243 and 999 (see J.B. Oldham, English Blind-Stamped Bindings, 1952, p. 27 and pl. xxi). - Belonged to Richard Nykke (or: Nix; ca. 1447-1536; for his library, see Emden, Biographical Register of the University of Oxford, 1958, ii:1381), the last Catholic bishop of Norwich. Henry Thomas Barratt: his inscription dated 1826 inside front board, recording the gift of the book from his father; most probably the attorney and solicitor active in Huntingdon in the 1820s and 1830s. Given by him to the Law Society, in London: their MS.6 (105.g). Sotheby's, 2 July 2013, lot 56. Sold by Les Enluminures (their TM 745) to the Huntington Library in 2015. - N. R. Ker, Medieval Manuscripts in British Libraries, vol. 1, London (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1969)120-121.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

*Direct Link:* [http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/HM81170\\_43](http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/HM81170_43)

*Language:* Anglo-Norman Latin; Anglo-Norman; Middle English *Century:* 15th

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**Part 1:** ff. 1-xiv verso, 1-410v

*Description:* - Parchment - 268 x 180 mm - Quires 1-46 of 8 leaves; quire 47 of 6 leaves; quire 48 of 8 leaves; quire 49 of 6 leaves; + 12 leaves (= 1 quire of 8 leaves, and 1 of 4) inserted after quire 49's leaf 5 (ff. 358, 359, 400-409); the 37 original quires are numbered as "37 quaterni" on ff. ii and 410v.

*Country:*

*Cardinal point:*

*Region:*

*City:* London

*Assigned Date:* s. XV<sup>4/4</sup>

*Searchable Date Range:* 1475 - 1499

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Inscribed Date:*

*Document:* No

*Number of Scribes:* ;

*Scribe(s):* Richard Nykke / Nix

*Script:* Anglicana

*Other Decoration:* 2- through 5-line blue initials with red penwork (although space usually remains blank); paragraph signs in alternating red and blue.

*Notes:* Latin Richard Nykke (or, Nix) may have copied the material that was added during the 16th century: 12 of the 49 quires contain later additions (1-4, 9, 13-15, 44-47).

*Number of Texts:* 4

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**Text 1:** ff. i-ii

*Title:* Table of contents, headed "Kalendare."

*Language(s):*

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**Text 2:** f. ii recto-verso

*Title:* Oath of the Master in Chancery

*Language(s):* Anglo-Norman

*Incipit:* Sacramento unius magistrorum de cancellarie domini regis

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**Text 3:** ff. iii - xxxii verso; f. xxxiii recto-verso blank

*Title:* Alphabetical index

*Language(s):*

*Notes:* The material indexes the main run of the codex, i.e. the writs copied on ff. 1-410v.

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**Text 4:** ff. 1-410v

*Title:* Royal writs

*Language(s):* Latin; Anglo-Norman; Middle English

*Incipit:* [H]enricus dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus hibernie Ballivis suis de N. salutem. Precipimus vobis quod sine dilatione plenum rectum teneatis I. de C. de uno mesuagio cum pertinentiis in M. quod clamat tenere de nobis

*Notes:* Writs appear to have been copied between the 5th year of the reign of Henry IV (1399-1413, i.e. 1404) and the 38th year of the reign of Henry VI (1422-1461 and 1470-1471, i.e. 1460); they constitute a formulary book, compiling actual and fictitious examples of documents issued by the Royal Chancery (with well over 400 writs, some included with their variants; the blank spaces are intended to hold additional writs). In the early 16th century the table of contents, the alphabetical index at the beginning of the volume, and the 8 new sections were added (ff. 33-40, 65-88, 315-344, 358, 359, 400-409), evidently for (or even, by?) Bishop Nykke, containing copies of further legal extracts and related material, including a writ addressed to Roger Lupton, clerk of the Hanaper (1509-1517) in favour of St. Stephen's, Westminster (f. 87r). Further additions to space at the ends of the book include the oath of the master of chancery, in French (f. iii recto), a list of charges payable by Genoese and other foreign merchants for safe-conduct in England (ff. 404v-405), the oath sworn by Richard II at his coronation (f. 410r), a short Middle English tract opening, "All writtez of Couenaunt ..." (f. iii verso), and two copies of English formulas in the name of "the Bysshopyrk of C" (standing for Canterbury, Chester, Chichester or Coventry?): "I renounce all the wordys comprised in the popes Bull made un to me of the Bysshopyrk of C., the which be contrary and preiudiciall to the kyng our sovereigne lord . . . ." and promising loyalty to the king (f. 404). A note on the last flyleaf verso: "Memorandum that the Charter of the confirmacion of the Colledge of Leycester is xii die marcii anno primo henrici octavo" (in 1509), apparently in reference to the College of the Annunciation of St. Mary in the Newarke, Leicester.